

**FARMERS UNION ADOPTS PLAN
TO POOL COTTON**

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Dec. 19.—Farmers Union leaders have pool their cotton output for the next two years, agreeing to sell the staple through a central organization and thus obtain a reasonable return for their products and also eliminate much of the financial entanglements with which cotton growers have heretofore come in contact according to an announcement of Mr. Seaford, president of the Farmers Union of Alabama, following a meeting held in Birmingham Saturday afternoon.

The plan for selling through organized effort will be similar in many respects to the producing organizations of California, such as the California Farmers' Growers Association and other associations under which the same plan has been modeled, Mr. Seaford stated.

The pooling of cotton was made possible as a result of the passage of a state law in the Alabama legislature last summer, a model of the same law, which governs the California plan.

Later in November a committee known as an organization committee was formed by prominent men of Alabama, according to Mr. Seaford. This committee, consisting of 27 men, eight of whom were from the Alabama division of the American Cotton Association, eight from the Farmers' Union and eight from the state at large, and the first meeting was held at the Tutwiler hotel, four weeks ago.

The result of this meeting was the forming of an executive committee of which J. O. Thompson of Birmingham, W. Musgrave, of Jasper, former Governor B. B. Comer and W. D. Nesbit of Birmingham were chosen. The latter was appointed organizing director for the state.

This committee will in turn appoint a temporary directorate, according to present plans, composed of 12 men chosen from each of the congressional districts of Alabama. A temporary organization of county men having under them a large number of beat workers, who will then canvass all farmers and cotton producers in the state, will follow that organization.

These beat workers will thoroughly canvass the state and will obtain the written signatures of those who desire to enter the pool for a period of five years beginning with the next crop produced.

**NOTICE OF STOCKHOLDERS
MEETING**

The Annual meeting of the stockholders of the Farmers Union of Elba will be held at the office on the bank on Tuesday, Jan. 10th, 1922 at 10:00 o'clock for the purpose of electing a board of directors for the ensuing year and for the transaction of any other business that may properly come before the meeting.

O. A. ELLIS, Cashier.

**PRISONERS SAVE GUARDS LIFE
AND ESCAPE OF 15 CON-
VICTS**

Montgomery, Dec. 12.—One white convict and one negro convict escaped Saturday in the hearts of the state convict department now as a result of their hard work. Saturday afternoon in preventing the escape of about 15 state convicts after Fred Henderson, state transfer agent, had been hit on the head with an iron bar in the hands of a convict, who sought to escape.

After 48 hours of secrecy in the convict department for which no reason has been offered it was known late Tuesday that Henderson was attacked by a convict on a passenger train from Calera and Montgomery Sunday afternoon and that Ben Starr, white convict, not having saved the life of Henderson but escaped the escape of other convicts.

Information obtained late Tuesday was that a plan to escape was made in the Jefferson county jail before the convicts were put on the train. Shortly after the train left Calera, our companion to the train for agent that his half-clad escape had been made.

Henderson was rendered unconscious. Starr and two others went to Henderson's aid and Turner, owner of Henderson's pistol from the hands of a negro convict and returned it to Henderson at the time he regained consciousness. Henderson threw his pistol on the negroes and commanded them to take their seats which they did. A search revealed another iron bar in the pocket of another Jefferson county negro con-

vict. The search occurred at the farm of a negro who had broken a glass afternoon, being conducted by Dr. J. E. Northcutt, pastor of the Methodist Church. Interment was at Oakwood Cemetery.

Mrs. Smith was prior to her marriage Miss Eliza Whitehurst of Banks, she having been reared in that community. She was a sister of Judge Walker Whitehurst of Dallas, Texas. All had other brothers present there. Mrs. Smith was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church.

Mrs. Smith was a splendid woman and her untimely death has caused much sorrow.

**ONE KILLED, THREE WOUNDED
ED. RUNNING FIGHT BE-
TWEEN BOOTLEGGERS
AND OFFICERS**

Cornelia, Ga., Dec. 16.—One unidentified man, believed to have been a whisky runner, was killed and 3 deputy sheriffs were wounded in a running fight between officers and bootleggers near View, Ga., early Friday.

A two automobiles, containing two moonshiners, were captured. A third car, in which was a man believed to have been wounded, escaped.

The wounded officers, none of whom was seriously hurt, are Vernon Grant, "Cap" Fry and Willis Ramsey.

**YOUTH DEAD, TWO VERY ILL,
POISONED LIQUOR BLAMED**

Oneonta, Ala., Dec. 14.—Clyde Lee Smith, 17, is dead and two youth full companions, all of Nyota, youth (Hound) county, are desperately ill, it was reported Saturday. The poison containing poisonings, according to county officers, who had arrested two men charged with making the whisky said to have been consumed by the three youths.

The whisky was purchased and taken on Monday, according to the authorities. Reports to the sheriff by officers of the boys resulted in a rain of bullets the officers, who were armed, the liquor purchased. A sample of the confiscated liquor together with vital organs of Smith's body are now in the hands of chemists to ascertain if possible the nature of the alleged chemical which is said to have caused the illness.

Mr. T. J. Whitman was a visitor at Samson the first of the week, having been called on the account of the illness of his brother.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Morrow and children left the first of the week for Jasper, Fla., where they will make their home. Mr. Morrow will have many friends at Elba and throughout the county trust that they may have much success in their new home.

MRS. EUGENE SMITH IS BURNED
TO DEATH IN TRAGEDY
CAUSE OF MUCH SOR-
RY IN TROY

Troy, Dec. 12.—A tragic death which brought sorrow to the hearts of many friends and relatives, was that of Mrs. Eugene Smith, 35 years of age, who died at her home on Elm street, just opposite the Baptist orphanage grounds, at 6:30 a.m. Thursday evening.

At the time of her death, Mr. Smith walked up to a neighborhood store, about a hundred yards away. Mrs. Smith and her two little children, a four year old daughter, Eugenia, and an infant son three months old, were left alone at the home.

Mr. Smith had been gone about fifteen minutes when a little over a year old daughter rushed through the night to the store, and informed him through her sobs that her mother was dead. With the the storekeeper, Mr. Mayers, and others, Mr. Smith rushed to his home and found his wife's charred body near the entrance of the house.

Her clothing was all torn away, except her shoes and a remnant of her hose, and her body was almost burned to a crisp. She lay face downward, life extinct. Her body was picked up on a quilt and carried into the house, where it was prepared for burial.

At the time of her death, Mrs. Smith had placed the baby in bed, and had put on the little daughter's mitts and tucked her in bed, she began to make arrangements to iron a dress for the little girl. It is said that her clothing likely became ignited from the grate and that she was in flames from the house. Her death was sudden and unexpected.

She likewise swallowed the flames, as her face was badly burned and her hair burned away. The heroic little daughter either saw her mother in flames or heard her cries, and it is said that she hopped out of bed, ran to the fallen form of her mother and then ran back through the darkness to the door of the house to call for help.

The negro, determined to pass on the railroad earlier in the day and varnished back, it is said, and they reported the matter to Chance and he and party decided that they would pass the forbidden point.

R. H. Chance, Sidney Rowe, and W. Lewis are in jail here, and Chance is under guard at a hotel here under care of doctors.

**POISONED WHISKY BLAMED
FOR DEATH**

Aniston, December 26.—Ernest Richardson, 21, a deaf midget while 5 feet 20 in, the county jail here, under a second degree manslaughter charge, officers alleging that Richardson's death early Monday morning was caused by the drinking of poisoned whisky supplied by Ware.

Ware admits that he brought two quarts from Talladega Sunday night, according to the authorities. Richardson's death occurred at 4:30 o'clock Monday morning, Richardson being in an unconscious condition when Dr. Horace Leyden was called to attend him. Ware, officers say, claims that he saw some man hiding a quantity of whisky in Talladega Sunday and that he secured two quarts of it and brought it to Aniston.

The funeral occurred at the farm of a negro who had broken a glass afternoon, being conducted by Dr. J. E. Northcutt, pastor of the Methodist Church. Interment was at Oakwood Cemetery.

When Henderson regained his residence at 3 o'clock Friday from the car window and was getting ready to jump from the train, he was at

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We have a new line of Boys and Mens Pants. The prices are right. All Wool Mens Pants from \$3.50 to \$6.00

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The prettiest line of Caps you ever saw can be seen at Clark Merc. Co. Reduced prices on Children in Ladies coats.

If you want a nice Coat real cheap let us show you our big lot. We can save you money.

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We have a pretty assortment of Sweaters. They are nice for Xmas Presents. Get them now before they are picked over.

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THE ELBA CLIPPER

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**SAM PARKER KILLED
MONDAY BY
DORSE HUGHES**

Argument Over Settlement of Rents
Results Fatal. Hughes is Carried
Away for Safe Keeping.

Sam Parker, well known Beat 20 citizen, residing on the Kinston road about five miles South of Elba, was killed Monday afternoon by another white man, Dorsey Hughes. The shooting occurred just a short distance from the Parker home and death came to the wounded man almost instantly.

It seems from reports that the man had had some words on a previous occasion. Hughes was a renter on Parker's farm the past year, and had already moved away. It is claimed that Hughes owed Parker a balance on rent and that when he attempted to move some hogs, Parker insisted that he leave the hogs there until he had made settlement of the rent, which he understood was only about \$10.00. The trouble over the mares seems to have started a day or so previous to the killing when Parker was ordered away from the house where Hughes lived.

On Monday afternoon Hughes with his wife and his wife's father, Monroe Bell, came back to the Parker farm and prepared to drive the hogs away when Parker went out to try to get a settlement of his accounts. It is said that as soon as Parker came near where the Hughes were standing that Hughes drew his shotgun and fired, and as he passed through the gate he waved a final adieu.

As Dobs left the prison steps and walked down the driveway in company with Warden J. S. Dyche and Deputy Warden Fletcher a great roar came from within the prison as of the 2,300 other inmates voiced their good-bye. The socialist leader turned toward the banks of windows and bellowed and waved his hat and in response, his face wreathed in smiles.

Again at the gates as Dobs posed for a half dozen cameramen before being whisked away to the railroad station, the roar from within the prison greeted him, and as he passed through the gate he waved a final adieu.

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Deputy Sheriff Dan Parker was in the neighborhood and was on the scene in a few minutes after the shooting. The dead man's body still lay in the road and it is said that Hughes and Bell were still trying to drive the hogs away. Both men were placed under arrest and in a few minutes in jail at Elba. During the late afternoon or night, it is said that quite a bit of feeling existed in the community where the crime was committed, and the two men were standing that Hughes drew his shotgun and fired his wife's head.

Mrs. Blair's home was beautiful and the first square room where little guests were met at the door by Harold English, dressed as Santa Claus, and were carried into the reception hall where they were told Christmas stories by Mrs. J. O. English.

From what reports we gathered it seems that the negro had been following Andrew Gamble in a somewhat threatening attitude for some time, and that Gamble repeatedly advised the negro not to follow him. However, the negro continued to follow him and finally cursed him which led to the shooting.

Gamble had not been arrested so far as we were able to learn up to this writing, and it is not known whether he will be or not. Those who witnessed the killing claimed that it was justifiable.

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GREENVILLE

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THE BUTLER COUNTY NEWS

GEORGE H. SMITH, president of the Luverne Chamber of Commerce is now operating successfully.

In spite of unfavorable weather conditions and other obstacles quite a number of couples have come to Luverne to attend the Yuletide.

Mr. Smith, himself a dairymen, says the average farmer will find it profitable to keep at least two or three cows and sell cream regularly, thereby enabling him to run his farm on a cash basis, at the same time producing more food crops and having richer farms as the result of dairying.

THREE AMERICANS SHOT BY
MEXICAN

Albuquerque, N. M., Dec. 24.—Ramon Echevarria, of Albuqueruque, here, has been advised that his three brothers, Juan, Felipe and Eugenio, were shot to death by Mexican bandits near Tyron, Mexico, December 14.

After the killing the bandits robbed

OVER ALABAMA

Letters: The Reasons
What is the use in Alabama allowing Missouri and Iowa to help furnish eggs for her people to eat when there is a better opportunity here in Alabama for raising chickens than in either of these States?—Alexander City Outlook.

And Over Everything
A pretty woman may be quite without friends, and yet possess the eternal gratitude of the druggist—Livingston Southern Home.

Isn't it Wonderful?
With only thirty-seven violent deaths in Birmingham during November, only seven of these being suicides, it looks like a great moral wave has engulfed the city.—Gunterville Democrat.

Bibb County Lament
We buy curried hams from the Chicago packers, creamy butter from Tuscaloosa, hay from Montgomery cow and mule teams from St. Louis, and still we complain of hard time.—Centerville Press.

The Great Alabama Sport
We have our Summer games and our Winter Sports. But the great all-year-round pastime is finding ways and means of preventing other people from doing the things we do like ourselves.—Dadeville Spot Cash.

"Too Proud to Fight"
Dr. Baker, superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League of America when invited to a scrap with the public enemy of the underworld was, like some other small known reformers too proud to fight—except when protected by a pulpit railing.—Brewton Standard.

Who Is Responsible?
The so-called modern girl, the "flapper" who paints and wears and "swells" "tosses" is coming in for much criticism just now. She is being compared with the old-fashioned girl of a decade ago, who wore her dresses below her shoe tops and well up on her throat, who depended upon nature rather than the drug store for her beauty. But, after all, is the modern girl really doing things which merit criticism, whose fault is it? Is she to blame?

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MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE NOTICE

Default having been made in the payment of the debt secured by the certain mortgage, executed on the 15th day of December, 1920 by G. C. Hudson and Mayma L. Hudson to E. G. Bragg, M. D. which said mortgage is recorded in book of Mortgages, Deed and Deeds, in the Probate office of Coffee County, Alabama, at Elba, I. E. G. Bragg whose mortgage will offer for sale in front of the courthouse door of said county at Elba, Alabama on Monday the 30th day of January, 1922 within the legal hours of sale to the highest bidder for cash, the real estate conveyed by said mortgage, described as follows:

All that portion of the N^W 1/4 of Section 6, Township 6, Range 21 lying north of the Elba-Victoria road, containing sixty acres (60) more or less.

Said lands will be sold for the purpose of paying the mortgage debt, together with the costs and expenses of sale including the expenses of advertising and attorney's fees.

Done on this the 28th day of December, 1921.

E. G. BRAGG, Mortgagor.
J. A. CARNLEY, Attorney for Mortgagor.

THE GOOD ROADS BOND AMENDMENT

The bond amendment for good roads which carried in Bullock county, two years ago, by a substantial majority, will again be acted on January 30th, next, at the state-wide election.

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Recalling the rather close vote in certain counties at the previous election, it is to be expected that a good working within these regions.

At least some of these with the good of their County and State at heart have organized in an effort to give even a treat to the roads than heretofore to the roads.

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When it is remembered that these new voters are popularly supposed to be looking for a bargain and that an excellent article for half price has always received their undivided attention and support, it seems that their support of the Good Roads Amendment should be foregone conclusion.

It should be remembered that the Federal Government will duplicate the road funds raised by a county, hence the state is placed in the most fortunate position of being able to secure the best roads at exactly half price.

It is to be hoped that the automobile owner alone pays for the good roads, that those on foot, as well as the numerous farmers as well as the numerous carmen, will reap a great benefit.

A very important question is with regard to the proper expenditure of the 100,000,000 taxpayers.

Very naturally, desire to feel that road funds could be more carefully safeguarded than these road funds.

That there will be some opposition to the betterment of our State is apparent. Possibly some of this will come from some who are laboring under the mistake that this will in some way add to our already heavy taxes.

This law states specifically that these roads are to be paid for by taxes on automobiles. It will thus be seen that while the automobile owner alone pays for the good roads, that those on foot, as well as the numerous farmers as well as the numerous carmen, will reap a great benefit.

These girls, come, from home, where they have received their early training. Some of this training was good, some bad and some indifferent.

The indifferent kind, perhaps, has been more numerous than the good for the girl than the bad training.

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